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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6664

BILL NUMBER: SB 445

DATE PREPARED: Jan 16, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Criminal History Checks.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill specifies that a state or governmental entity may obtain the release of limited criminal history for an applicant for employment with the entity. The bill specifies that a school corporation or special education cooperative may obtain without charge the limited criminal history of a prospective employee from a law enforcement agency. The bill also specifies that a special education cooperative may obtain without charge the limited criminal history of an adult volunteer from a law enforcement agency. It also makes related changes.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The provisions in this bill broaden the entities and potential employees that can request or be subject to limited criminal history checks. These provisions may require the addition of a PAT III data entry person and computer equipment to process information to the State Police (which operates the Indiana Central Repository for Criminal History Information). Estimated costs would be \$40,068 for FY 2002 and \$39,800 in FY 2003.

The funds and resources above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff portions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. There are currently three PAT III vacancies within the State Police from which a new data entry position could be filled. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions. Funding for the Indiana State Police originates from the state General Fund and the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

The bill also waives the \$7 fee charged for criminal history checks for organizations specified in the bill. This may result in less potential revenue to the General Fund, which is where these fees are deposited.

Explanation of State Revenues: See Explanation of State Expenditures, above, regarding fees charged for criminal history checks.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Police.

Local Agencies Affected: School Townships, Special Education Cooperatives.

Information Sources: State Manning Table, Indiana State Police.